

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ALEXANDRA WAHLFELD,

Petitioner,

v.

WILLIAM WAHLFELD,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01899-LK

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK TO  
ISSUE CORRECTED SUMMONS,  
AMENDING PRIOR ORDER TO  
SERVE, AND DENYING MOTION  
FOR AN EXTENSION AS MOOT

This matter comes before the Court on Respondent William Wahlfeld's motion for an extension of time to file a response to Petitioner Alexandra Wahlfeld's Complaint and Petition for Return of Child to Germany and for Issuance of Show Cause Order. Dkt. No. 7; *see also* Dkt. No. 2 (Petition). Mr. Wahlfeld seeks an unspecified amount of additional time to respond because he "was incorrectly served" on November 22, 2024 with only the civil cover sheet and summons and cannot access the sealed petition. Dkt. No. 7 at 1.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Court has ordered the case unsealed but the complaint remains sealed because it contains personal identifiers. Dkt. No. 6 at 3.

1 In the course of reviewing Mr. Wahlfeld's motion, the Court has determined that the  
2 summons Ms. Wahlfeld provided to the Clerk of the Court for issuance was defective because it  
3 did not include her address as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(a)(1)(C). In light of  
4 Ms. Wahlfeld's pro se status and the time sensitive nature of this matter, the Court will not require  
5 her to submit a corrected summons. Instead, the Court DIRECTS the Clerk to issue a corrected  
6 summons to Ms. Wahlfeld that includes her address.

7 Ms. Wahlfeld must serve the corrected summons on Mr. Wahlfeld. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c).  
8 Accordingly, the Court amends its prior service order, Dkt. No. 5, and ORDERS that by  
9 December 10, 2024, Ms. Wahlfeld must (1) serve Mr. Wahlfeld with the corrected summons and  
10 all filings in this case to date in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4, and (2) either  
11 hand deliver or mail to the Court proof that she has served Mr. Wahlfeld. If Ms. Wahlfeld chooses  
12 to mail her proof of service to the Court, it must be postmarked no later than December 10, 2024.  
13 Ms. Wahlfeld may file a motion for additional time if she is unable to meet this deadline.

14 Because there is no evidence in the record that Ms. Wahlfeld has properly served  
15 Mr. Wahlfeld and she must serve him with the corrected summons, Mr. Wahlfeld's time to respond  
16 to the petition has not yet started to run. Accordingly, the Court DENIES his motion for an  
17 extension as moot. Dkt. No. 7.

18 Dated this 25th day of November, 2024.

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20 Lauren King  
21 United States District Judge  
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